

Omaha School of Music Wee World Early Childhood Fine Arts Education Program

What is Wee World?

The Omaha School of Music has developed an engaging arts exploration program for pre-school students ages 2-5. This program called Wee World of Music uses a thematic approach to educational development of children through drama, visual art, dance, vocal music and piano. The program provides environmental learning, development of social skills, repetitive reinforcement of basic foundational skills (alphabets, counting, etc); role-play and creativity skill development, early childhood fine art exposure and experiential development.

How will Wee World Assist My Pre-School Students?

The Omaha School of Music's Wee World Program will assist your pre-school student's development in the areas of reading, math and over all child well being. Pre-school children will have the opportunity through the Wee World creative arts program to develop fine motor skills, self esteem, as well as a sense of community and early social development necessary for success in K-12 classes and later in their adult life.

How will the project be implemented at my Pre-school/Head Start Centers?

The Omaha School of Music's Wee World program is staffed by a team of five dedicated and qualified arts instructors. The team consists of an experienced piano teacher, a dynamic dance instructor, a notable local visual artist, inspirational drama instructor and a well seasoned vocal music teacher. The Wee World Arts Team will dedicate 26 weeks at your center to educational instruction and creative arts planning. Our approach allows for a 6 week planning period which will be interwoven throughout the instructional period. 20 weeks will be dedicated to instruction as follows: Preschool students at each of the three centers will receive performing arts education for 1 hour and 15 minutes each week for twenty weeks. During this 1 ½ hour, students will attend a different creative performing arts class for 15-20 minutes associated with vocal music, dance, drama, piano and visual art.

The Omaha School of Music's Wee World program is custom designed according to your area of thematic emphasis. We will utilize thematic approaches in vocal music, dance, drama, piano and visual art to meet educational objectives associated with the following areas:

Piano/Vocal Music

- Wee World program will encourage children's interest in music, creative movement and dance
- Provides opportunities for children to experience movement through music
- Introduces children to different kinds of music (jazz, rock, ethnic, classical, etc.)

Dance and Movement

- The Wee world program will provide opportunities for children to move their bodies to various rhythms and musical tempos
- Introduces games and activities that involve balance and body coordination
- Implement activities involving balancing, running, jumping and other vigorous movements, to increase children's understanding of movement.

Dramatic Play

- Provides opportunities for children to act out books, nursery rhymes and assume roles in other ways
- Encourages children to tell and act out stories, stressing beginnings and endings to introduce sequencing
- Participates with children in various forms of dramatic expression including those from other cultures

Art

- The OSM Wee World program provides opportunities to discuss art that the child has created
- Provides opportunities for exploration of the relationship of space and objects as well as color, balance, texture and design
- Points out various forms of media found in books, photographs/prints in a wide variety of settings.
- Provides opportunity to observe OSM Wee World artists who use different techniques and art media.

Pre-school students will participate in end-of-term recitals to showcase their knowledge and achievement.

According to the National Association of Music, children involved in music programs do better in school and on SATs. In an effort to promote long term educational successes, parents will be encouraged to have their children participate in on-going Wee World programmatic activities as well as age appropriate performing arts programs throughout elementary, middle school, high school and beyond.

What will it cost us to implement the Wee World Program in my organization?

The fees vary according to number of students. Please contact the Omaha School of Music for a custom designed proposal specifically for your agency.